increasingly sourcing their requirements from India, China and South Korea etc.

भारतीय चाय व्यापार निगम में अनुसूचित जाति / अनुसूचित जनजाति के कर्मचारियों की संख्या

4496. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले पांच वर्षों में भारतीय चाय व्यापार निगम ने कितने व्यक्तियों की नियुक्ति और पदोन्नति की है;

(ख) क्या अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए आरक्षित अनुपात का पालन किया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो, उसके क्या कारण हैं और इस संबंध में बकाया रिक्तियों को कब तक भरा जायेगा; और

(ङ) सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्): (क) पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान कुल 27 व्यक्तियों की नियुक्ति की गई और 111 व्यक्ति पदोन्नत किए गए।

(ख) जी हां।

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				अ.जा	अ.ज.जा.
नियुक्ति	27	4	1	शून्य	1
पदोन्नति	111	18	1	शून्य	7

(घ) और (ङ) अ०ज०जा० संवर्ग की बकाया रिक्तियों को मुख्य रूप से इस वर्ग में उपयुक्त / पुरुष उम्मीदवारों के उपलब्ध न होने के कारण नहीं भरा जा सका है। इस संबंध में सरकार की नीति के अनुसार बकाया रिक्तियों को भरने के विशेष प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं।

Demand for Allotment of Accommodation to Tea Board Staff

4497. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious problems of residential accommodation faced by the Tea Board staff working in the Parliament House; and

(b) whether Government propose to allot accommodation to above Tea Board Staff from Government's pool as is being done for the other Private sector units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No such problem has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Board. Tea Board staff are not provided with residential accommodation from the government pool. However, Tea Board has reserved some flats under construction in the Ghaziabad Housing Development Authority for their staff in Delhi, including those who are working in the Parliament House.

Dues Under C.C.S. and Supplementary C.C.S. in lieu of Duty Drawbacks

4498. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 361 and Unstarred Questions 2634, 2636 and 2644 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th December, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the total dues under C.C.S. and supplementary C.C.S. in lieu of Duty Drawback that is still outstanding to be paid to exporters or deemed exporters;

(b) whether it is a fact that he had stated that outstanding arrears in CCS payments will be made within 3 to 4 weeks;

(c) if so, what are the reasons that the outstandings/refunds have not yet been paid;

(d) whether Government have received any representation from any of the deemed exporters;

(e) if so, what are the exact details thereof; and

(f) what are the reasons that the refunds have not yet been paid to these deemed exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) On the basis of information received from Port Officers outstanding dues against payments of CCS and Supplementary Cash Assistance in lieu of Duty Drawback were assessed at Rs. 1190 crores on 6.12.91. In order to clear the payment of the above dues a sum of Rs. 410 crores was released to various licensing offices in the months of January/February, 1992 and further additional funds of Rs. 260 crores have been released on 26.3.92.

(d) to (f) Yes, Sir. Representations from M/s. P.J. Pipes & Vessels Ltd. and M/s. BHEL for payment of CCS, supplementary cash assistance in lieu of duty draw-back and refund of central excise duty have been received amounting to Rs. 19.82 crores and Rs. 74.78 crores respectively. Their claims are being processed and paid by port licensing offices. Port licensing offices have been asked to clear the dues starting with CCS against physical exports and deemed exports.

Complaint against the Working of Auction Platforms

4499. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints against the working of auction platforms of Tobacco Board;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Board has advised the traders not to hike the prices on platforms; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Encouragement of Arrivals on Tobacco Auction Platforms

4500. DR YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the arrivals are low on tobacco auction platforms when compared to last year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is due to the feeling among the growers that the tobacco board ganged up with traders to depress the prices;

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to encourage the arrivals;

(e) what is the time upto which the auctions will continue; and

(f) what is the target date to complete the auctions during the present reason?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reasons attributed are non placement of orders by Russia on exporters and non-availability of sufficient credit limits to the traders.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Confirmation of individual orders to the exporters from Russia is expected shortly. After this, there is likely to be stability in the prices. Board has already taken steps to increase the arrivals.

(e) First fortnight of June, 1992.

(f) First week of June, 1992.

Discouraging production of F.C.V. Tobacco

4501. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any indication from his Ministry to the Tobacco Board to discourage production of F.C.V. variety to tobacco that was hitherto sought by erstwhile USSR;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor with what effect; and

(c) what is the extent to which, these have been realised?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) to (c) The advice from Government to Tobacco